

Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Fleming of the 121st, and Efstration of the 104th offer the following substitute to SB 227:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 32-9-4 and Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to designation of travel lanes by the Department of Transportation and
3 use of such lanes and to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, respectively, so as to
4 provide for a distinctive logo or emblem for manufacturer's, distributor's, or manufacturer
5 headquarters' license plates to be placed upon alternative fueled vehicles to allow travel in
6 exclusive or preferential use lanes of the state highway system; to establish a specialty
7 license plate to benefit the Georgia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.; to establish a
8 specialty license plate to benefit the Autism Alliance of Georgia; to provide for related
9 matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for an
10 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

SECTION 1.

13 Code Section 32-9-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to designation of
14 travel lanes by the Department of Transportation and use of such lanes, is amended by
15 revising subsection (a) as follows:

16 "(a) The department is authorized to designate travel lanes in each direction of travel on
17 any road in the state highway system for the exclusive or preferential use of:
18 (1) Buses;
19 (2) Motorcycles;
20 (3) Passenger vehicles occupied by two persons or more;
21 (4) Vehicles bearing alternative fueled vehicle license plates issued under paragraph (5)
22 of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-38 or paragraph (7) of subsection (l) of Code
23 Section 40-2-86.1; or
24 (5) Other vehicles as designated by the department.

25 Where such designation has been made, the road shall be appropriately marked with such
26 signs or other roadway markers and markings to inform the traveling public of the lane
27 restrictions imposed."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 Chapter 2 of Title 40, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, is amended in
30 Code Section 40-2-38, relating to registration of vehicles by manufacturers, distributors, and
31 dealers, dealer plates, and manufacturer headquarters plates, by adding a new paragraph to
32 subsection (a) to read as follows:

33 "(5) The commissioner shall include a distinctive logo or emblem for any manufacturer's,
34 distributor's, or manufacturer headquarters' license plate to be attached to an alternative
35 fueled vehicle, as such term is defined in paragraph (7) of subsection (1) of Code Section
36 40-2-86.1. Alternative fuel vehicles bearing a special license plate pursuant to this
37 subsection shall be subject to the alternative fuel vehicle fees as set forth in paragraph
38 (19) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-151 at the time of initial issuance and
39 annually thereafter in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. Display of a special
40 license plate issued pursuant to this paragraph shall authorize travel by such alternative
41 fueled vehicle in lanes for exclusive or preferential use designated pursuant to Code
42 Section 32-9-4."

43 **SECTION 3.**

44 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86, relating to special license plates
45 promoting and supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with
46 proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, by
47 adding a new paragraph to subsection (l) to read as follows:

48 "(58) A special license plate supporting the Georgia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.
49 The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed as provided
50 for in paragraph (1) of this subsection to the Georgia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.
51 (59) A special license plate promoting autism awareness. The funds raised by the sale
52 of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Autism Alliance of Georgia. Such
53 special license plate shall include the phrase 'Autism Awareness' in lieu of the name of
54 the county of issuance."

55 **SECTION 4.**

56 In accordance with the requirements of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the
57 Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the
58 requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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SECTION 5.

60 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
61 without such approval.

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SECTION 6.

63 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.